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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA JOURNALISTS SYMPOSIUM

REF: STATE NOMINATES PATRICIO TORRES FOR REF PROJECT. HE IS A YOUNG ALL-ROUND JOURNALIST FOR QUITO'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER WHERE HE HAS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF WITH A NUMBER OF BY-LINED FEATURES ON A VARIETY OF CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES. HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE NEWSPAPER WORLD BY HIS COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE RECOGNIZED HIS WRITING ABILITY WITH SEVERAL NATIONAL AWARDS OF THE HIGHEST RANK. RECENTLY, HE WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION (UNP). SINCE HE HAS NEVER TRAVELED TO THE U.S. AND HAS NO FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ORGANIZATION AND JOURNALISM, THE ARIZONA PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT TRAINING FOR THIS JOURNALIST WHO HAS AN EXCELLENT FUTURE.

2. PRESENT POSITIONS: REPORTER, "EL COMERCIO" NEWSPAPER, QUITO; HEAD, PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, ELECTRIFICATION INSTITUTE; VICE PRESIDENT, ECUADOREAN JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION (UNP).  
PAST SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIESPAL (UNESCO REGIONAL CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OF JOURNALISM; INFORMATION SPECIALIST, UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFICE, QUITO.

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3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN IN QUITO, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014].  
THREE CHILDREN. MAILING ADDRESS: 1335 LA GASCA, QUITO.  
EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS: MAGDALENA DE TORRES, WIFE, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE.  
EDUCATION: SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, QUITO, 1964-68; SEMINAR LATIN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS' FEDERATION, MEXICO, 1977; UNESCO SEMINAR, BOGOTA, 1975; SEMINAR

SPONSORED BY FRIEDRICH EBERT FOUNDATION, LIMA, 1973.

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

SPECIAL NATIONAL PRIZE TO THE BEST PRESS PERFORMANCE IN  
THE YEAR, UNP AWARD, 1977; FIRST PRIZE, NATIONAL REPORT  
CONTEST, UNP GUAYAQUIL AWARD, NATIONAL PRIZE, BEST  
REPORTER, UNP AWARD, 1975.

PUBLICATIONS: AMONG HIS MOST RECENT WORKS ARE:

SERIES OF ARTICLES ON HEALTH PROBLEMS IN ECUADOR, ECUADOREAN  
EDUCATION, TOURISM.

TRAVEL: MEXICO, 1977, SEMINAR; 1976, UN MEETING;

BOGOTA, 1975, UNESCO SEMINAR; LIMA, 1973, SEMINAR.

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